

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT**

I. HEADING

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Subject: Kraus Enterprises - 20 Isabelle Street, Buffalo, NY. Site buildings in poor conditions containing over 2,000 containers of various maintenance chemicals. Site contains paints, solvents, oil, corrosive detergents, and asbestos from piping.

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II. BACKGROUND

SITE/SPILL NO.: 02WL
RESPONSE AUTHORITY: CERCLA/SARA
NPL STATUS: Non-NPL
RESPONSE TYPE: Emergency
CERCLIS ID: NYO000201939
REMOVAL START DATE: June 10, 2005
COMPLETION DATE: N/A
INCIDENT CATEGORY: Removal Action

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation
See POLREP 1.

B. Actions Taken

1. Site trailers are connected and ERRS cleanup contractor is working within the main site buildings. Containers of waste are being collected from the former Kraus warehouse areas and being placed into a consolidated container storage area. These containers will be lab packed for disposal. Other Kraus tenant spaces will have hazardous substances moved into the consolidation upon completion of PRP documentation.

2. A total of 1,000 containers have been moved into the consolidation areas to date.
3. RST is on-site to provide air monitoring and technical support. RST has set up asbestos air monitoring stations within the site buildings in traffic areas. RST also is providing multi-rae and radiation monitoring.
4. Asbestos has fell to the floor in several areas of the warehouse. ERRS is working around these areas but will soon begin abatement of asbestos from the deteriorated areas.
5. Debris removal is complete outside the main site buildings. 38 trucks containing 430 tons of debris has been removed off-site thus far and was shipped to BFI, located in Niagara Falls, NY for landfill.
6. On September 21, a rupture of a 3 inch gas main on Crowley Street by a Niagara Mohawk utility line crew necessitated the evacuation of workers in the site buildings. Natural gas was detected by the LEL meter within the site work areas. Emergency crews from National Fuel Gas repaired the pipeline. Operations continued after repair was completed.
7. A total of 1,000 tires were sent off-site for recycling.

C. Future Actions

1. Container collection, building evaluation, asbestos abatement and debris removal will continue.
2. Site security will remain in place until the completion of the removal action.

D. Key Issues

None.

IV. COST INFORMATION: As of 09/22/05

Site Ceiling as of 09/22/05			
	Total Ceiling	Costs to Date	Amount Remaining
WRS	\$ 553,000	\$ 203,000	\$ 350,000
RST (Weston Solutions)	\$ 60,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 52,000
EPA	\$ 100,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 90,000
Totals	\$ 713,000	\$ 221,000	\$ 492,000

The costs above reflect the amounts obligated to the project at this time but do not reflect the entire site ceiling amounts. If additional funding is necessary, the totals will be adjusted accordingly.

An additional \$353,000 was obligated to WRS for the cleanup at the site.

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data, which the OSC must rely upon, may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.